

Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application which is a PCT application designating the United States. Applicants have amended claim 1 to correct a minor typographical error. Applicants have amended claims 3, 7, 9-12, and 16-19 to more fully conform with U.S. practice and to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claim 21 has been cancelled. None of the amendments constitute new matter in contravention of 35 U.S.C. §132.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Search Report, which issued on International Application number PCT/2003/000270, of which the present application is a 371 filing. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicants respectfully assert that all amendments are fairly based on the specification, and respectfully request their entry.

Respectfully submitted,



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